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Applicant

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A MATERIAL TO BE MOLDED, AN INTERIOR

MATERIAL, AND A MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SAID

MATERIAL

International

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO ACCOMPANYING NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION

SIR:

Prior to the initial examination of the above identified application, applicants respectfully request that the application as amended according to the International Preliminary Examination Report and be further amended as follows:

In the claims:

Without prejudice or disclaimer, please amend claims 1, 3, 5-10 and 12 to read as shown below by deleting the text surrounded by square brackets "[]" and by inserting the underlined text.

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